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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria government is committed to its values of respect, responsibility, teamwork, communication, diversity, and leadership and has instituted an award to honor individual employees or groups of employees who exemplify the City's values; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize members of the City's Hurricane Katrina Evacuee Team for providing effective and efficient services in a collaborative manner to furnish 110 households and 175 evacuees in the City with food, clothing, housing, and transportation. They also helped with referrals to the City's Department of Human Services, community resources and assisted them with job searches; and

WHEREAS, the team also developed a volunteer component that was similar to the Department of Human Services' Adopt-A-Family Program during the holidays and allowed the general public to help evacuees where federal, state, and local governments could not provide aid or support; and

WHEREAS, the team was pro-active by sending several team members to Texas for two weeks to assist in taking and processing evacuee food stamp applications prior to their arrival in Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the first family served by DHS, an extended family of twelve from New Orleans, wrote to the City administration as follows: "My family members from New Orleans literally lost everything and because of your generosity and thoughtfulness they truly believe that there are 'Angels' on earth";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that a CityStars! Award is bestowed on:

"THE HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEE TEAM:
ANN MOORE, CYNTHIA BAIDOO, LESLIE CUMMINGS, CHRISTINE
SCHIAVONE, UZMA QURIASHI, BETSY HIERS, LENWOOD ROBERTS,
SUZANNE KRATZOK, YOLANDA RIVERA, AND HARVEY FOUST"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of March 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:	
Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC	City Clerk